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MEMORANDUM

To: School Health & Nutrition Program Sponsors

From: Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent
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RE: Family Supplemental Subsistence Allowance Permanently Excluded From Income
Consideration for Child Nutrition Programs

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Since May 2001, the Department of Defense had paid certain members of the Armed Forces and their families a Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA). Congress had specified that if counting FSSA would put a family over the Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) income limits, the family must be considered eligible to receive CNP benefits.

In accordance with Public Law 108-375, **any FSSA a household receives must not be treated as income in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals under any CNP.**

Public law 109-163 made the Department of Defense's FSSA permanently available. The exclusion of FSSA as income for the CNP is also permanent.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this memo, please contact your assigned School Health & Nutrition Program Specialist at 602-542-8700.